

***APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MAKING A
MASONRY BLOCK WITH A ROUGHENED SURFACE***

ABSTRACT

5 Apparatus and methods are disclosed for making masonry blocks with one or more surfaces
having a roughened texture resembling that of a split block or natural stone. In one embodiment, a
mold comprises a plurality of walls defining at least one mold cavity adapted to receive block-forming
material. The mold defines an opening through which a formed, uncured block may be removed from
the mold. At least one wall of the mold has a plurality of projections extending into the mold cavity so
10 as to contact an adjacent surface of the uncured block in the mold cavity. The projections are
positioned such that when the uncured block is removed from the mold, the projections texture the
adjacent surface of the uncured block.